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Dear Governor Cooper:

Regarding our updated emergency methane [resolution](#), presented to you on June 15th, calling for a ban of fracked gas import and usage in North Carolina, NC WARN urges you to consider significant news from California.

As shown in this [Associated Press article](#), the State of California is taking steps to cut methane emissions from the natural gas infrastructure by 40 percent. The state has established a list of 25 cost-effective, best management practices to restrict leaking and venting from pipelines, compressor stations, storage facilities and power plants.

Although the utilities watered down the law's impact before it took effect, it is good to see California taking state action to reduce emissions of natural gas, which is mostly methane. Even when the cost of gas is low, it makes no sense to allow an average six percent of it to be wasted, especially when leading scientists now warn that methane concentrating in the atmosphere has become the leading driver of the climate crisis.

Please note, however, that the AP article did not emphasize the impacts of methane. As cited in our May 4th letter to you and in the resolution, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change calculates methane to be up to 100 times more powerful than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere.

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